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Re: **Louisiana Board of Ethics**
Docket No. 2021-923

Dear Mr. Cahill,

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its meeting on January 7, 2022, considered your request for an advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit former Police Chief Laine Landry from performing work for the Town of Grand Isle.

FACTS PROVIDED

Laine Landry was elected as the Police Chief for the Grand Isle Police Department in March of 2016. His term ended June 30, 2020. Mr. Landry was not re-elected. Mr. Landry owns a construction company and would like to bid on and perform construction work for the Town of Grand Isle.

LAW

La. R.S. 42:1121A(1) provides that no former agency head or elected official shall, for a period of two years following the termination of his public service as the head of such agency or as an elected public official serving in such agency, assist another person, for compensation, in a transaction, or in an appearance in connection with a transaction, involving that agency or render any service on a contractual basis to or for such agency.

La. R.S. 42:1102(2)(a) defines "agency" to mean a department, office, division, agency, commission, board, committee, or other organizational unit of a governmental entity. For purposes of this Chapter, "agency of the public servant" and "his agency" when used in reference to the agency of a public servant shall mean: (vi) for public servants of political subdivisions, it shall mean the agency in which the public servant serves.

ANALYSIS

As elected Chief of Police, Mr. Landry's agency was the Grand Isle Police Department. Therefore, Mr. Landry is prohibited by Section 1121A(1) until June 30, 2022, from providing any services to the Grand Isle Police Department on a contractual basis. However, Mr. Landry would not be

prohibited from providing contractual services to the Town of Grand Isle, provided that the services do not involve the Grand Isle Police Department.

CONCLUSION

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that Section 1121A(1) does not prohibit Laine Landry from providing contractual services to the Town of Grand Isle, as long as the services do not involve the Grand Isle Police Department.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Please note that the Board issues no opinion as to past conduct and that the Board's expressed opinion is limited to an examination of the Code of Governmental Ethics, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, the Lobbyist Disclosure Acts, and the conflict of interest provisions in the gaming laws.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

David M. Bordelon
For the Board

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